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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2003/011494

## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☒ The international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-6 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

☒ the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-10 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

☒ the drawings:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2-2/2 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/EP 03/11494

## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-10	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

### 2. Citations and explanations

#### 1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US-B-6 398 5231 (HUR KYUNG BUM ET AL) 4 June  
2002 (2002-06-04).

#### 2. The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel (PCT Article 33(3)).

2.1 Document D1 is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1 (see in particular figure 7). It discloses a linear compressor unit having a magnet which can be moved back and forth in an electromagnetic alternating field, a piston which is driven by the magnet and able to move inside a cylinder, and a capsule which encloses the cylinder and a buffer volume, wherein the cylinder is disposed in the capsule in an oscillating manner, an inlet opening of the cylinder and an inlet passage in the capsule are situated opposite each other in a non-contacting manner such that a passage to the buffer volume is formed, and a restriction element (gap between 1 and 190) is disposed in the passage.

3. The embodiment shown in figure 8 also discloses all the inventive features of claim 1, in this case the cylinder being fixed in place in the capsule and the connection between the inlet opening of the cylinder and the inlet passage in the capsule passing through the piston with the integrated buffer volume, and an annular restriction gap extending between part 200 and part 250.
- 3.1 Consequently, the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step within the meaning of PCT Article 33(3) because a person skilled in the art knows that a fixed arrangement of a cylinder is equivalent to an oscillating one (see in particular the two embodiments in figures 7 and 8).
4. Dependent claims 2-10 contain no features which, combined with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.